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TRACK CLEANLINESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of track cleanliness in Railways has been entrusted to private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure cleanliness in all railway premises?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The work of track cleanliness to the extent of facilitating working by maintenance personnel is being got done through private agencies/individuals at selected locations like approaches of major cities where the problem of deposition of night soil in track is more acute.

Only on some of the Railways, partially work has been entrusted to private sector.

Eastern Railway : At Sealdah, Ballygunge, Sonarpur, Barasat, Howrah Old Complex (partially), Howrah New Complex(partially) & Asansol stations.

Northern Railway : Delhi-Ambala Section (Delhi area).

Western Railway : Churchgate-Virar Section.

(c): For improving cleanliness at railway stations, a number of steps have been taken which include emphasis o n mechanized cleaning processes, additional dustbins, regular removal of garbage, spraying of insecticides, repairs to drains, introduction of `Pay & Use` scheme of toilet etc. Moreover, cleanliness drives and surprise checks are also conducted from time t o time. Frequent announcements are made to seek the cooperation of the traveling public in keeping the station premises clean.